

Monthly Meeting – April 8, 2019

Supervisors in attendance: David E. Gunter, Chairman
Robert C. Adair, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Dr. David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer
Shawn P. Elliott, Member

Staff in attendance: Linda Caggiano, Staff Assistant II, IRSWCD
Jennifer Abbey, District Conservationist, USDA/NRCS
Christine Kelly-Begazo, Indian River County Extension Director/Ag. Agent
Jake Fojtik, Environmental Specialist I, FDACS
Amir Rezazadeh, St. Lucie County Extension Agent-Fruit/Field Crops

Public in attendance:

OLD BUSINESS

1. The IRSWCD meeting was called to order at 1:34 P.M. by Chairman David E. Gunter.
2. Dr. David L. Cox made an addition to the Agenda, #: **11 Federal Register Notice Requesting Comment and Review of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) National Conservation Practice Standards.**
3. The minutes for March 11, 2019 Board Meeting were approved as written.
Motion: A motion to approve minutes was made by Dr. David L. Cox and Seconded by Robert C. Adair, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The Financial Report for March 2019 was available and read by Dr. David L. Cox.
Motion: A motion to accept the financial report as presented was made by Robert C. Adair, Jr. and seconded by Sean P. Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Indian River Lagoon Council:** Dr. David L. Cox spoke, no STEM Meeting in April 2019. Dr. Cox drafted a letter to Dr. Duane De Freese, Executive Director of IRLNEP to state that IRSWCD endorses the IRLNEP revised Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) (*Looking ahead 2030*).
Motion: A motion to approve letter was made by Robert C. Adair, Jr. and seconded by Sean P. Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Biosolids: Christine Kelly –Begazos** mentioned that Dr. Maria Silveira with Ona/IFAS Cattle Research and Education Center will hold a webinar on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 specializing in Beef Cattle and Forage Economics will be presenting, "Cow-calf management strategies for the bottom of the cattle price cycle."
7. **Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2018 – Completed.** Communication to Governing Board letter. Need approval to pay Invoice of \$4,000.00.
Motion: A motion to approve and pay the \$4,000.00 Invoice was made by Dr. David L. Cox and Seconded by Sean P. Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

8. Boundaries- Website: Review Current and New with IRC-2030 Comprehensive Plan. **Update add link to county to go to Comprehensive Plan, correct misspelling on County, make changes**
Motion: A motion to update the Boundary wording as discussed was made by Robert C. Adair, Jr. and seconded by Sean P. Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.

9. AREA IV Meeting:

9. A. Review of Agenda

9. B. Resolution passed by Palm Beach SWCD Board in February. Please review for discussion at the Area IV meeting on April 11th. The board would like Area IV members to consider adoption.

(IRSWCD to table and place on hold, not enough documentation to make a decision.)

9. C. Board to approve the purchase of Gift Cards for Area IV Meeting. 1st Place - \$35.00, 2nd Place - \$25.00, and 3rd Place - \$15.00. Total of \$75.00 per Category K-1, 2-3, 4-6 = \$225.00 + Category 7-9 1st and 2nd Place only - \$60.00= Total of \$285.00 in prize money + \$41.40 Fee to Activate Card, and Ribbons \$33.26 = **\$359.66.**

A motion to approve expense was made by Robert C. Adair, Jr. and seconded by Dr. David L. Cox. Motion carried unanimously.

10. IRSWCD Poster Contest: Board to approve the purchase of Gift Cards for County Contest. 1st Place - \$75.00, 2nd Place - \$50.00, 3rd Place - \$25.00. Total of \$150.00 x 3 (Category K-1, 2-3, 4-5) = \$450.00 in prize money + \$39.96 Fee to Activate Card = **\$489.96.** **Total: \$849.62** Poster Contest: Gift Cards, fees.

11. Dr. David L. Cox added to Agenda: Federal Register Notice Requesting Comment and Review of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) National Conservation Practice Standards. NRCS is publishing a Federal Register Notice on March 11, 2019, inviting public review and comment on its National Conservation Practice Standards and associated documents. There is a 45-day comment period. This notice is one step in meeting Section 2502 of the 2018 Farm Bill (Pub. L. 115-334).

STAFF REPORTS:

Jennifer Abbey, NRCS:

- ❖ **USDA NRCS State Technical Committee Meeting** May 21, 2019 in Gainesville, FL
- ❖ **Farm Bill Programs:** 13 of 44 Active contracts totaling approximately \$890,000 over approximately 7,400 acres.
- ❖ **EQIP:** 9 Active Contracts. 12 Applications.
- ❖ **CSP:** 4 Active Contracts. Accepting applications until May 10, 2019.for FY 2019.
- ❖ **ACEP-WRE:** Accepting applications until April 25, 2019.
- ❖ **Conservation Application:** Ox Creek Ranch – Herbaceous Weed Control.

Christine Kelly-Begazo, IFAS/County Extension Director/Ag Agent:

- ❖ Amir Rezazadeh, St. Lucie County Extension Agent-Fruit/Field Crops introduced to Board.
- ❖ Attended Equine BMP Program in Melbourne.
- ❖ County Parks Division and Road & Bridges to have proper licensing for spraying, herbicide Green Industry Best Management Practices training this month.
- ❖ Ag BMP Meeting with Extension District at IRC on May 1, 2019.

Jake Fojtik, OAWP/FDACS:

- ❖ OAWP still looking for replacement of Deputy Director.
- ❖ Continuing Work on Cost-Share projects.

Linda Caggiano, IRSWCD:

- ❖ Audit Processed: CPA sent Communication to Governing Board -emailed.
 - Completed the AFR report on line, signed by Supervisors, and submitted the report to the State of Florida. *Invoice pending approval to pay.*
 - Email to flaudegen_localgovt@aud.state.fl.us the State of Florida an electronic copy of AG SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST 2018 and 2018 indian river soil and water conservation district. Receive a confirmation from the state that they received document.
 - Email to localgov with electronic copy of financial statement and AFR submitted.
 - Email to CPA. Informing of what you completed with electronic copy of financial statement and AFR submitted, etc.
 - Email to AFCD, FDACS with electronic copy of AG SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST 2018 and 2018 indian river soil and water conservation district and AFR submitted.
 - Mail outs: Auditor General, FDACS, and IRC Community Director.
- ❖ Posters Judged. Will need to review if we want to hold next year. Indian River, Palm Beach, Hendry, and Glades (4 out of 11) Counties in our Area IV still hold contest.
 - Monday, May 13, 2019 – Next Board Meeting

Board and Staff

- Chair, IRSWCD, Seat #2 David E. Gunter
- Vice-Chair, IRSWCD, Seat #3 Robert C. Adair, Jr.
- Sec-Treasurer, IRSWCD, Seat #5 Dr. David L. Cox
- Member, IRSWCD, Seat #1 Shawn P. Elliott
- Member, IRSWCD, Seat #4 Bobby Lindsey
- District Staff Assistant II, IRSWCD Linda Caggiano

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:48 P.M. Next meeting is May 13, 2019.

David E. Gunter, Chairman

Date

David L. Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

Date